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For the Hartford Herald.
LIVES CHANGES.

Beats there one heart in all this world
 of ours
 That has not found one thorn among its
 flowers?
 Comes there one day however, bright and
 fair
 That bears no little cloud upon the air?
 Is there one flock, when all the numbers
 told
 That misses not one lamb from out the
 fold?
 Is there one dream of love, where music
 floats
 Sweetly thro' life without some trembling
 note?
 Is there a rivulet, whose beauty never
 Breaks into frowns ere it becomes a river?
 Is there one friend, however kind and
 true,
 Who always does as you would have
 him do?
 Nay, verily, the flowers of perfect bliss
 Blooms not in ever changing climes like
 this.
 'Tis ever thus, that of the dreams we
 cherish,
 The brightest are the soonest doomed to
 perish.
 And yet could we but pierce the dim veil
 thro'
 We would not murmur as we often do.
 We would not mourn our little darlings
 laid
 Under the sad beneath the forest shade.
 We would not give each fleeting golden
 day
 To pleasure, that with it will pass away,
 But we would see that every sorrow
 given
 Will gain the crown that waits for us in
 Heaven.
 —ROSE.

STATEMENT

Showing the Debits and Assets
 of the County of Ohio, the Allow-
 ances Made by the Court at the
 October Term, 1875, and the Janu-
 ary Term, 1876, and to Whom
 and for what Purpose Made.

M S Ragland, plowing on road, \$4.50
 Wm Spangler, poll tax of Tooley, 3.75
 G W Milligan, plowing on road, 4.00
 C Hoover, wagon and team on road, 1.50
 A T Skinner, plowing on road, 9.75
 T H Lloyd, plowing on road, 4.50
 Jesse Mc Taylor, plowing on road, 1.50
 J F Wallace, wagon and team on
 road, 3.00
 Richard Worrall, plowing on road, \$3.00
 L J Igleheart, plowing on road, 3.00
 John Benton, goods for pauper, 5.00
 Same, coffin &c. for pauper, 14.00
 Same, coffin &c. for pauper, 5.00
 E L Wise, jailer account, 32.10
 T H Boswell, holding inquest, 9.75
 T J Low, plowing on road, 3.00
 John P Cooper, holding inquest, 8.25
 J R Felix, plowing on road, 1.50
 A E Vance, hauling on road, 7.50
 J G Brown, plowing on road, 3.00
 Thomas Williams, plowing on road, 1.50
 J P Tracy & Son, pauper coffin, 10.00
 Sampson Duke, plowing on road, 3.75
 Pat Murphy, keeping Mrs Kiley, 15.00
 Curtis Shull, plowing on road, 1.50
 J B Moseley, plowing on road, 3.00
 Albert May, plowing on road, 6.00
 James Miller, plowing on road, 3.00
 Thos. L. Davis, plowing on road, 3.00
 A L Morton, plowing on road, 3.00
 R H Stevens, plowing on road, 4.50
 E O Porter, viewing road, 4.00
 S A Daniel, plowing on road, 3.00
 James Loney, plowing on road, 2.25
 Bayless Davis, plowing on road, 1.50
 Geo. Hinton, plowing on road, 1.50
 G W Burden, plowing on road, 5.75
 Geo. Thomson, plowing on road, 1.50
 A P Fogle, plowing on road, 1.50
 J R Waco, plowing on road, 6.00
 G W Burden, plowing on road, 1.50
 W L Ambrose, plowing on road, 4.50
 H B Taylor, plowing on road, 3.00
 Samuel Wright, plowing on road, 1.50
 G W Bennett, plowing on road, 9.00
 John Chinn, plowing on road, 7.50
 V B Morgan, plowing on road, 1.50
 Wm. Maden, plowing on road, 1.50
 W P Paxton, plowing on road, 8.25
 B R Kelley, plowing on road, 4.50
 S J Richardson, plowing on road, 3.00
 Elijah Chinn, plowing on road, 3.00
 G C Riley, plowing on road, 3.00
 W B Myers, plowing on road, 4.50
 Thomas Shultz, plowing on road, 12.00
 Wm Lyon, plowing on road, 6.00
 John B Talley, plowing on road, 3.00
 J O Kimbley, plowing on road, 3.00
 Wm Delhart, plowing on road, 1.50
 S R French, plowing on road, 1.50
 John H Baker, plowing on road, 1.50
 John T King, plowing on road, 1.50
 G B Hocker, plowing on road, 3.00
 R A Patton, plowing on road, 1.50
 Mrs Nancy Howley, plowing on
 road, 3.00
 J A Humphrey, plowing on road, \$1.50
 J J Williams, plowing on road, 1.50
 W F Tatum, plowing on road, 6.00
 W P Leach, plowing on road, 1.50
 Dr W B Westerfield, attending
 pauper, 29.75
 Sam Robertson, plowing on road, 1.50
 G W Vaughn, plowing on road, 1.50
 W L Rogers, plowing on road, 1.50
 Green Fulkerson, plowing on road, 1.00
 E L Sullenger, pauper coffin, 8.00
 James Barnes, plowing on road, 1.50
 G B Hocker, plowing on road, 2.50
 W B Bender, plowing on road, 3.00
 I P Barnard, burial clothes for
 pauper, 11.40
 L T Reid, drug account, 1.40
 M P McDowell, work on road, &c., 2.50
 W T Ashby, sign-board, 5.00

Kimbley & Co. drug account, 5.10
 A B Bennett, plowing on road, 3.00
 J B Rowan, plowing on road, 1.50
 W F Tatum, moving pauper to poor
 house, 2.00
 Jas A Thomas, goods for pauper, 5.98
 F Wallace, furnishing pauper, 2.62
 Jas A Thomas, goods for Miss Bray's
 child, 4.50
 L W Ambrose, burying pauper, 3.00
 James Ashley, plowing on road, 3.75
 A B Baird, surveying roads, 14.00
 W J Berry, attending prisoners, 4.00
 W W Austin, viewing road, 1.00
 H F Arment, viewing road, 2.00
 F J Carson, viewing road, 3.90
 W F Lloyd, executing road orders, 3.00
 John Griffin, plowing on road, 4.50
 W W Lloyd, plowing on road, 7.50
 R L Taylor, plowing on road, 4.50
 Jas H Torrance, plowing on road, 3.00
 Lee Davis, plowing on road, 1.50
 E P Barnett, plowing on road, 3.75
 John Barnes, plowing on road, 5.00
 Jas E Lee, plowing on road, 4.50
 Jas E Jackson, plowing on road, 3.00
 H D Hocker, timber for road, 1.00
 S L Baird, plowing on road, 6.75
 J T Felix, timber for bridge, 5.00
 L C Morton, plowing on road, 4.50
 Dr Amos Davis, medicine furnished
 pauper, 3.87
 Elijah Chinn, plowing on road, 1.50
 Lewis Ashby, plowing on road, 1.50
 C D Bean, plowing on road, 1.50
 J T Bennett, plowing on road, 2.50
 E O Kimbley, plowing on road, 1.50
 Ed Ashby, plowing on road, 6.00
 J W White, pauper coffin, 5.00
 J P Tracy & Son, pauper coffin, 5.00
 Wm Austin, pauper coffin, 1.50
 L C Morton, plowing on road, 2.50
 J McMillon, plowing on road, 7.50
 J K Sorrell, plowing on road, 3.00
 R A Ward, plowing on road, 1.50
 A B Bennett, plowing on road, 1.50
 J B Williams, plowing on road, 3.00
 J H Likens, plowing on road, 1.50
 R P Crabtree, plowing on road, 4.50
 James Chinn, plowing on road, 4.50
 J and O Haynes, plowing on road, 1.50
 J J Williams, work on bridge, 1.00
 Alex Barnett, work on bridge, 1.00
 G C Hamilton, work on bridge, 1.00
 R A Patton, work on bridge, 1.00
 V D D Stevens, work on bridge, 1.00
 H D Bennett, work on bridge, 1.00
 W W Peyton, work on bridge, 1.00
 T H Boswell, holding inquest, 10.00
 Noble Bean, plowing on road, 3.00
 Jas P Stevens, plowing on road, 4.50
 Dr A T Miller, post-mortem exam-
 ination, 15.00
 Dr S L Berry, attention to prisoners, 4.00
 W B Crow, plowing on road, 9.00
 Wesley Baplen, plowing on road, 1.50
 W M Miller, plowing on road, 3.00
 John M Arnold, plowing on road, 3.00
 C Daniel, plowing on road, 1.50
 H C Antry, plowing on road, 3.00
 Cader Foreman, plowing on road, 3.75
 W P Bennett, plowing on road, 9.00
 Dan T Wilson, plowing on road, 3.00
 Basil Acker, plowing on road, 2.25
 G W Hoover, plowing on road, 9.00
 T W Acker, plowing on road, 1.50
 John Pirtle, plowing on road, 1.50
 M C Dowell, plowing on road, 4.50
 W M Adlington, plowing on road, 1.50
 J B Leach, plowing on road, 4.50
 J D Hocker, plowing on road, 2.25
 F M Heaven, plowing on road, and
 lumber, 4.90
 John W King, viewing road, 1.00
 Jo Gentry, sign board, 2.00
 Jas C Stewart, viewing road, 1.00
 Thos A Stewart viewing road, 1.00
 R J Duff, plowing on road, 1.50
 Williams Bros., work on jail, 12.50
 W S Stewart, plowing on road, 1.50
 J A Thomas, work on court house, 16.00
 John J Mills, keeping pauper, 2.00
 Mrs Sallie Taylor, plowing on road, 4.50
 J F Wallace, plowing on road, 1.50
 Benno Frey, hauling on road, 2.00
 Elijah King, plowing on road, 3.00
 James F Stewart, keeping pauper, 40.00
 Patterson & Leach, drugs for pauper, 11.00
 W T Ricketts, comparing polls, 2.00
 G C Shields, plowing on road, 3.00
 G F Douglas, hauling on road, 2.25
 R A Patton, hauling on road, 1.50
 T J Richardson, sign board, 1.50
 John W Fields, sign board, 1.00
 S K Cox, clerk accounts, 279.20
 T J Smith sheriff account, 101.80
 Barnes & Taylor, goods for pauper, 7.20
 J M Leach, viewing road, 1.00
 W T Ricketts, viewing road, 1.00
 John Midkiff, R and B Com'r., 10.00
 A J Kimbley, R and B Com'r., 10.00
 Jas C Davies, R and B Com'r., 8.00
 V Renrow, R and B Com'r., 2.00
 J C Titford, viewing road, 1.00
 A T Coffman, viewing road, 1.00
 W H Williams, account, 3.75
 W F Gregor, salary as co. judge, 300.00
 Dr B N Patterson, attending pau-
 per, 25.00
 Dr Jas S Morton, attending pau-
 per, 25.00
 W F Gregory, fee bill, 4.25
 W F Gregory, comparing polls, 4.00
 S K Cox, comparing polls, 4.00
 Lucinda Sutton, washing for jail, 0.85
 J D Duke, plowing on road, 4.00
 W S Cole, judge of election, 2.00
 L G Geary, judge of election, 2.00
 John W Ragland, clerk of election, 2.95
 T Allen, sheriff of election, 2.95
 P H Alford, judge of election, 2.00
 B F Duess, judge of election, 2.00

THE PREHISTORIC AGE.
 Discovery of Another Mammoth
 Cave Near Columbia,
 Kentucky.
 Three Human Skeletons of Extraordi-
 nary Proportions Found in a
 Subterranean Vault.
 A CURIOUS NARRATIVE.
 [Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]
 COLUMBIA, Jan. 30, 1876.
 About the middle of the past week,
 two young men named White, while
 idly wandering in a large tract of wild,
 dense forest, in the southeastern part
 of our county, discovered what they
 supposed to be a sink-hole or fox den,
 and with that idea proceeded to ex-
 plore it. After a little trouble in mak-
 ing their way through the entrance,
 the cave (for such it proved to be) be-
 came large enough to admit of their
 walking upright. They had proceed-
 ed thus in this passage probably one
 hundred and fifty yards, when they
 emerged into a large and picturesque
 gallery, the beauty and grandeur of
 which will rival that of the old Mam-
 moth itself. The room, according to
 their calculations, is about 150 by 100
 feet, and abounds in all the varieties of
 the stalactites and stalagmites. But
 'tis not the things that we naturally
 expect to find in caves that I wish to
 mention particularly, but the curious
 remains that were discovered therein.
 In the northeast corner of the first gal-
 lery, (for there are five, of which I will
 hereafter speak), about five feet from
 the ground, they noticed some strange
 characters, or hieroglyphics, neatly
 carved in the wall, which, upon close
 examination, proved to be the head-
 rock of a vault. A few minutes' prize-
 serving served to loosen this and dis-
 close the interior of an inclosure in the
 solid rock of about five by ten feet,
 which contained the remains of three
 human skeletons, which measure eight
 feet seven and a half inches, eight feet
 five inches, and eight feet four and
 three-quarter inches in length respect-
 ively. The heads were lying towards
 the east, each body parallel to the oth-
 er. Beside them lay three huge—
 what look to be—swords, but were so
 decayed that upon being touched im-
 mediately crumbled to dust. After
 examining the remains closely, but
 finding nothing that would serve to
 throw any light on the question as to
 who and from whence they are, they
 closed the vault, but, in doing so,
 knocked their torch out which they had
 contrived before entering, leaving them
 in anything but a pleasant predicament.
 After searching some time for their
 lost treasure, they concluded to try to
 escape by feeling their way out, but in
 this they made the matter worse. They
 stated that after leaving the first large
 room they struck a good-sized branch,
 and continued following it until forced
 to turn into another passage—the
 stream disappearing suddenly in a huge
 perpendicular gulch—which led them
 into another spacious hall, the size of
 which they believe to be quite as great
 as the first. Out of this second open-
 ing, and through what they conceive
 to be three others similar at least in
 size, their way seemed to gradually as-
 cend, until their hearts were made glad
 by the discovery of light ahead, and
 finally emerged from their ugly con-
 finement through a hole about midway
 the cliff of Russell's creek, having
 been confined in their subterranean dis-
 covery over thirty-eight hours. The
 whole country thereabout is rife with
 speculations concerning the interesting
 discovery, and numbers of citizens will
 visit it as soon as the Messrs. White
 finish their work of rendering the en-
 trance less difficult to pass.
 The above is a correct account and
 may be relied on, as the young men are
 of unimpeachable veracity. With a
 party from town, your correspondent
 will start in the morning to further ex-
 plore, and, should new curiosities pre-
 sent themselves, will give you the then
 account of an eye-witness. ALEX.

A Horrible Affair.
 Special from East Lyndon, Vt.,
 states that Silas Wilder, a resident of
 that town, killed his father and moth-
 er this morning, with an ax, and then
 cut his wife's throat. He then hung
 himself. His wife was alive at the
 latest date.
 TERRIBLE DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY.
 Newport, Vt., Feb. 1.—There is
 terrible excitement at East Lyndon
 over the tragedy of to-day. It is sup-
 posed that Wilder was laboring under
 temporary insanity, superinduced by
 excessive excitement and passion.
 The detail are most horrible.
 His father and mother were aged re-
 spectively 73 and 70 years. The im-
 mediate cause of the affair was an al-
 tercation with his wife, who in alter-
 ing a pair of overalls had made them
 too short.
 After angry words, Wilder started
 for the shed, saying that he would get
 an ax and end the trouble. His wife
 followed him and seized the ax, when
 he drew a dirk and stabbed her in the
 left hand for dead. Then, taking up
 the ax, he started for his father, who
 had followed him, and struck him a
 fearful blow, crushing through his
 head.
 At this point he appeared still fur-
 ther infuriated, and next attacked his
 mother, killing her with three fearful
 blows over the head and breast.
 Leaving her in the front door, he re-
 turned to the shed and found that his
 father had crawled into the kitchen.
 He struck him as he lay upon the
 floor, the ax crushing through the
 head and remaining in the floor.
 He then cut his wife's throat.

Spain's Reply.
 The New York Herald's Madrid
 special reports that the Spanish Gov-
 ernment has sent out a diplomatic note
 in reply to the American circular on
 Cuban affairs. The reply is quite bel-
 ligerent in tone, and takes high grounds
 on all questions raised by the United
 States. The note declares commerce
 between Cuba and United States has
 not suffered to any appreciable extent
 by the insurrection. Instead of hav-
 ing been diminished, it is, in reality,
 increased, and is constantly increasing,
 so that the United States Government
 has no room for complaint, and no ten-
 able ground for the proposed action or
 interference in the affairs or troubles
 existing in Cuba. Attention is also
 called to the fact that many American
 citizens have established themselves in
 business on the island, and, being un-
 molested by the Spanish Government,
 have gained large individual fortunes.
 These fortunes have not added to the
 material wealth of the island, being en-
 tirely in foreign hands. The territory
 of the United States is a constant re-
 fuge for Cuban outlaws, who are per-
 mitted to hatch conspiracy to the de-
 triment and injury of the Spanish Gov-
 ernment. In this the laws of the na-
 tions are outraged. All just and equi-
 table claims between the United States
 and Cuba have been amicably and fully
 satisfied, or are in the course of ad-
 justment. Therefore, there can be no
 cause for complaint on that score. The
 Spanish note is believed to be the work
 of Senor Jovellar.

The Plot Deepens—How is This?
 [From New Orleans Times.]
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.
 Some comment is caused here by a
 statement that Everist, an important
 witness against the St. Louis whisky
 ring, was allowed to leave the city after
 he had been in communication with
 prominent officials. It is said that
 Everist was induced to return to this
 country from Italy, where he had gone
 when the first raid was made upon the
 St. Louis distillers, by a promise of
 Bristow and Pierpont that he should
 not be prosecuted if he turned State's
 evidence. His evidences is said to have
 been very positive against Babcock.
 When the President heard this, he de-
 clared that the parole should not be
 kept. So Everist was notified by the
 officials who had caused him to come
 here that they could not protect him,
 and he sailed for Italy last Tuesday.
 The Chairman of the Judiciary Com-
 mittee of the House will move a resolu-
 tion of inquiry into the matter. The
 story creates a profound sensation.

The first locomotive engine intro-
 duced and worked in America, was
 run upon the Delaware and Hudson
 Railroad in 1828. The first Ameri-
 can steam locomotive was built by
 Messrs. Kremler, in West street, New
 York. The first steam-propelled cars
 in America, running steadily with
 passengers and freight, were on the
 Charleston and Hamburg road, now
 the South Carolina Railroad. Ross
 Winans, of Baltimore, planned the
 first eight-wheeled car ever built for
 passenger purposes, and called it by
 the appropriate name of the "Colum-
 bus."
 The other day while the workmen
 at the saw-mill, Camperdown ship-
 building yard, in Dundee, Scotland,
 were engaged cutting up a large log of
 Quebec yellow pine, they laid open
 several sections of a wasp's nest. The
 nest being near the center of the tree,
 the animals, several thousand in num-
 ber, must have been inclosed for up-
 ward of a hundred years. The pris-
 oners are in a good state of preserva-
 tion, and are evidently of the wasp
 species, with very large wings in com-
 parison to the size of the body.
 The post mortem examination of a
 little girl aged seven years, who died
 in Bethlehem, Connecticut, revealed
 the fact that death was caused by par-
 ticles which had been bitten from her
 finger nails. They were swallowed
 and sticking into the sides of her
 stomach, caused ulceration, and death
 ensued.
 "Daughter, why do you not wear
 your rings?" "Because papa, they
 hurt me when anybody squeezes my
 hand." "What business have you,
 I would like to know, to have your
 hand squeezed?" "Certainly none,
 but still you know, papa, one would
 like to keep in squeezable order."
 Webster was twenty-one years com-
 piling his dictionary.

For the Hartford Herald.
 In Memoriam.
 On the fresh turned sod of him
 whom I love to call friend and brother,
 this little "immortelle" would I drop,
 moistened with the tears that have
 welled up, one by one, from a heart
 surcharged with rebellious sorrow over
 its sad, and in an earthly sense, its ir-
 recoverable loss! Mr. Elisha Ather-
 ton, whose death we saw so lately
 chronicled, was the eldest son of Mr.
 and Mrs. J. E. Atherton, old and
 honored residents of McLean county,
 who are both now standing, as it were,
 upon the border land of that better
 country to which, through life, they
 have so perseveringly bent their steps.
 The picture of the feeble, stricken
 father, as I last saw him, bending over
 the pulseless form of his boy, whom
 the Dark Angel had carried away in
 the fervor and bloom of his strong
 young manhood—of the frail, invalid
 mother, looking with agonized yearning
 for last look upon the still white
 face of her precious boy, her hope and
 pride; of the gentle, loving sisters,
 broken and bereft, parting in almost
 despairing sorrow from the earthly re-
 mains of a loved and loving brother,
 will be among the very last that will
 fade away from memory's tablet.
 "Alas, for love, it thou wert all and
 naught beyond, oh, Earth!"
 For some years I have been most
 intimately associated with Mr. Ather-
 ton, and I never knew a more entirely
 uncomplex and noble nature. He was
 a member of the Baptist church, and,
 though, towards the latter years of his
 life, his religion did not seem to glow
 so warm, yet I am satisfied there never
 lived a being who held the word of
 God in deeper reverence than himself,
 and during his last hours we had every
 evidence that his thoughts were con-
 stantly hovering around the Great
 White Throne, beseeching pardon of
 Him who never turned away a sorrowing
 penitent into outer darkness. Often
 there fell from his lips texts and prom-
 ises, that, no doubt, in his times of
 thoughtless reading, passed over his
 soul with a careless chime; but, in this
 hour of imminent peril to his soul,
 they came to him like angels, with di-
 vinity written on their faces and heal-
 ing on their wings! Oh, who can
 doubt the answer those yearning pe-
 titions framed by the quivering lips of
 one of God's noblest creatures received at
 the Heavenly Tribunal? Not I.
 And never did I fold more closely to
 my heart the sweet thought, that be-
 hind yond blue horizon stretching away
 in unfathomable mystery above us, as
 a beautiful, radiant elixir, where we
 can all one day go and renew the hal-
 lowed intimacies of this world, than
 when I stood beside thy cold and life-
 less form, oh, friend. I loved thee
 with a fond devotion that clung to thee
 in life and is reaching on after thee in
 thy Eternal home! And thou, from
 the shining, ever-green land to which
 thou art gone, canst thou look back
 and see the sudden darkness that has
 come over the earthly sky of those who
 mourn thee? We shall think of thee,
 dear friend, but as another link to the
 chain that is drawing us up to the ec-
 celestial world, made nearer and dearer
 by thy presence there; and the hope of
 meeting thee again, to talk over the
 joys and sorrows of this neither world,
 shall tinge our every anticipation of
 the Heavenly City with its golden
 hue. God guide our erring steps into
 the pure path that leads thither, and
 enable me to live so entirely under the
 power of His holy will that I may in-
 deed clasp hands with thee, dear
 friend, beside the crystal waters of
 Eternal Life.
 W. V. P.

THE HERALD.

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JOHN P. HARTFORD, Editor.

HARTFORD, OHIO COUNTY, KY.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 1876.

We are glad to see that the *Courier-Journal* has proved that Jefferson county is not a pauper county. When we saw this statement copied from the Auditor's report, we felt sure that there must be some mistake.

Louisville is too arrogant in her demand for local appropriations, and allying with too much confidence that she pays one-half the revenue of the State to be a pauper city, and then too while the country merchants are paying her merchants ten per cent. interest, compounded every month or so, she is not likely to become a pauper city; but, if the ten per cent law is continued much longer, all the other counties will become pauper counties.

CENTENNIAL.

The bill appropriating money to defray the expenses of having our State represented at the Centennial exhibition, has been killed in the House. This was a piece of close fist narrow-contractness. A fair and liberal appropriation for this purpose would do more to advertise and bring into notice our timber, mineral and agricultural interests than could be done for the same money in any other way. If any of our people visit the Centennial and see all the other States represented and Kentucky left out they will blush for shame caused by the penuriousness of our House of Representatives. We are in good condition financially as any State in the Union and could well afford the appropriation from a patriotic motive alone, but it would pay us largely as an investment, and we cannot afford to let the opportunity slip. Our State is almost or quite as rich in mineral and timber as any State in the Union, and a proper display of these articles there, would give them a world-wide reputation. Gentlemen of the Legislature, for the sake of the future prosperity of the great State that you misrepresent in this matter, reconsider your action and vote a liberal appropriation of say \$10,000.

THE INTEREST BILL.

The Bill to repeal the ten per cent. conventional interest law has created considerable excitement all over the State, and has elicited a good deal of discussion pro and con. So far we have remained silent on the question, and do not now propose a full discussion of it, but will give our opinion in regard to it just to be in fashion with our contemporaries. We are opposed to the law as it now stands, and would like to see all usury laws repealed, and no limit fixed, and leave it a matter of contract entirely, and let the laws of supply and demand regulate the matter. When there is no rate of interest expressed in the contract, then the law ought to have a fixed rate to govern, and that should be a low rate, not to exceed six per cent. So long as the law fixes the limit to ten per cent., every man who has money to loan, or an interest-bearing debt, will endeavor to reach that limit; but, if you have no limit, it will be like every thing else, it will bring what it is worth according to the demand and supply. The Legislature had as well try to fix a limit to the price of corn, and say it shall not exceed that limit, as to try to limit the price of the use or forbearance of money. If a man wants money, and cannot get it within the prescribed limit of law, he will manage to evade the law, and will have to pay a little more for the risk that the lender takes in the evasion.

FROM FRANKFORT.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 3, 1876.
EDITOR HERALD:—The very mild and spring-like weather which had made January so remarkable, came suddenly to an end on the evening of the 1st inst., and such a snow-storm set in as is rarely seen in this latitude. The air was filled with a sheet of snow driven, almost horizontally by the raging storm, and soon the gathered groups on the street corners, and the passers to and fro were driven in under shelter, leaving the streets of the Capitol in dreary wintry loneliness. It has been snowing again today, and to-night the city and its mountain walls are mantled in snow. It is supposed that this cold snap will kill a great deal of the early fruit, which the warm weather has caused to bloom too early. A gentleman showed me a few days ago, a peach tree limb in full bloom, a rare thing for January, I presume.

The two Houses of the Legislature are still keeping pretty full, and a

great deal in the way of local legislation is being done, and a number of bills of general importance are before the two Houses.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform have reported the following bills, which were made special orders: A bill providing for reducing the State revenue to forty cents on the hundred dollars. A bill to make the pay of petit-jurors the same as grand-jurors. A bill to regulate the fees of school commissioners.

The Auditor in response to a resolution calling on him for information, gave the following statistics: White males over 21 years of age, 273,351; colored males over 21 years, 49,956. Total 323,307. Estimated total population, 1,616,525.

A bill passed the House to-day to appropriate \$8,000 to be applied in the improvement of the South Fork of the Kentucky river.

The interest bill came up to-day, and after some discussion was set for next week Wednesday at 11 o'clock. It seems to be the policy of the opposers of the bill, to battle it off as long as possible, with the hope of finally defeating the bill, notwithstanding the people of the State are overwhelmingly in favor of the present high rate of interest.

Well, as I have no other legislative news of importance at present, we will take a glance at the present Legislature. The members are generally in their seats promptly, and it is reported that the saloon-keepers of the city are "cussin'" them because they do not patronize them more liberally.

But let us look in as the House is in session, and I will point out some of Kentucky's "Solons." There, just before the fire, on the left, is Mr. Farmer, the oldest man in the House, and who knows more of the mountains and the history of that part of Kentucky than any man here, but you have heard of him. In front of the fire, on the right, is Col. John Preston, from Trimble, who is always in his place, and, when there, commands respect from all. His appearance is noble. His clean-shaven face, his snow white locks, and his radiant and intelligent countenance, together with his earnest, clear, and courteous tones in speech, serve to make him impressive. You see that man just in front of the Clerk's desk on the left of the aisle? he is the "Hercules" of the House. Height, six feet four inches; weight, two hundred and forty pounds, and no surplus flesh at that; a mustache as rank in growth as he himself, and, upon the whole, he is not bad looking. He seems intent on making a record, for he rarely fails to call the "ayes and nays," that is Mr. M. W. La Rue, of Louisville. Close here by the door, on the right, sits the "gentleman from Pike," Mr. O. C. Bowles. He is not a pigmy in appearance nor in the knowledge of Parliamentary usages, for "points of order" are frequently hurled from his desk, and not infrequently sustained. He has a good face, which is clear of beard, and one would readily mark him as being cool and humorous, and not liable to fits of over-gushing eloquence, nor to stubborn silence. On the left of the door, just opposite, is the earnest, watchful member from Shelby, who is the largest man to his size I ever saw. I mean big out, but not up. His brilliant eloquence on the resolutions on the death of Gen. Breckinridge has added to his fame. That is Mr. T. W. Henton. Just before him sits Mr. Bidwell, from McCracken, who is fully awake to all measures of reform, though not a farmer. He is well posted in parliamentary law, and is earnest and pointed in defense of whatever he conceives to be right. On further, by the aisle, sits Mr. Kenney, from Louisville, who is the "Crusader" of the House. Quick, nervous, and always on the lookout, he rarely fails to let a "point of order" pass, if the "gentleman from Pike" happens to fail to discern it, and his points are seldom "not well taken."

Well, I could point out many more, and less distinguished, but you are tired. A great number of those on the left are those ignorant, dull farmers, whose presence has so troubled a certain correspondent who sits on the floor of this House by the courtesy of its members. He has dark forebodings of trouble (I mean the correspondent), and has had ever since the day the House organized. He thinks the ignorance of this class has powerfully retarded the progress of this Legislature, and solemnly predicts that there never will be so many farmers in the Legislature of this State again. I do hope these fellows will do better, and our dear friendly "correspondent" will suffer less uneasiness on account of the interests of the dear people.

I will say in conclusion that these farmers are anxious, or seem to be, to press on with business, and some among them are very well posted in legisla-

tive matters, though of course not so well versed in the technicalities of parliamentary usages, they are anxious to get through in the constitutional term, and have no adjourned session. May harmony and wisdom prevail in the deliberations of this Assembly.

OCCASIONAL.

An Infortunate Investment.
An individual who lives some half dozen miles from town was induced to take the stage at Beaver Dam, under the assurance that it would be impossible to walk, on account of water. After passing over the road, he found he had been duped, and soliloquized as follows:

"Just think n't; fifty cents throw'd away quicker 'n lightning"—and n'th'ing to show for it. Them fifty cents war good for five drinks or a pint of Stillenger's best, what would'r warmed a feller 'mazingly this cold snap, and felt comfortable 'n a new overcoat. Them five drinks would'r made me richer 'n Grant, an' the old woman an' children at home would'r been proud av their dad. That was an unfortun' investment, and a heap of satisfaction is lost in the family," and the poor fellow sadly and sorrowfully disappeared down the saloon steps, to take one more look at the tempting bottles before starting for home.

A theatrical performance was given at Drury Lane Theater Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the Centennial fund. The house was crowded, and the proceeds were nearly \$2,000. Two thousand dollars was also contributed to the fund by the American actors now in London.

Dispatches from England, of the 6th inst., say, that Cardinal Manning pronounced unfounded the report that he supports the scheme of the union of the ritualists and the Roman Catholic Church.

The *London Observer* says it has reason to believe, in view of the unsettled state of political affairs, that the British Government intends to strengthen its naval force in Chinese waters.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

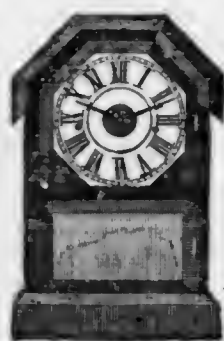
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Against
Titus Bennett's Heirs, Defts } Equity
All persons having claims against the estate of Titus Bennett, deceased, are requested to produce the same, properly proven, to the undersigned Master Commissioner of the Ohio Circuit Court, at his office in Hartford, Kentucky, on or before the 15th day of April, next.

E. R. MURRELL, M. C. O. C. C.
n-4-3-m.

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The down train for Paducah leaves Louisville, daily except Sunday at 8:45 a. m. and arrives at
Cecil Junction at 11:25 a. m.
Grayson Springs at 12:35 p. m.
Leitchfield at 1:45 "
Millwood at (Dinner) 2:50 "
Beaver Dam at 3:20 "
Rockport at 3:47 "
Owensboro Junction at 4:47 "
Owensboro at 5:00 "
Nortonville Junction at 5:00 "
Paducah at 9:00 "
The up train for Louisville leaves Paducah daily except Sunday at 4 a. m. and arrives at Nortonville Junction at 7:45 a. m.
Owensboro at 9:02 "
Owensboro Junction at 9:23 "
Rockport at 9:55 "
Beaver Dam at 10:22 p. m.
Leitchfield at 12:35 "
Grayson Springs (Dinner) 12:50 "
Big City at 1:55 "
Cecil Junction at 4:25 "

Hartford is connected with the railroad at Beaver Dam by stage lines twice a day. These trains connect with Elizabethtown at Cecil Junction, with Owensboro at Owensboro Junction, and with Evansville, Henderson and Nashville at Nortonville.

D. F. WATKINS, Superintendent.

Evansville, Owensboro & Nashville.
The Mail and Accommodation trains are run by the following time-table:

MAIL.		
Leaves	Arrives	
Owensboro at 6:10 a. m.	8:40 p. m.	
Sutherland's at 6:18 "	8:12 "	
Crow's at 6:56 "	8:04 "	
Lewis' at 7:08 "	7:52 "	
Wiley's at 7:20 "	7:40 "	
Tichenor's at 7:32 "	7:28 "	
Livermore D. at 7:51 "	7:16 "	
Livermore at 7:55 "	7:04 "	
Island at 7:58 "	6:40 "	
Strout's at 8:04 "	6:52 "	
S. Carrollton at 8:10 "	6:32 "	
Owensboro Jan. at 8:40 "	6:20 "	

ACCOMMODATION.		
Leaves	Arrives	
Owensboro at 3:00 p. m.	12:05 a. m.	
Sutherland's at 3:30 "	11:35 "	
Crow's at 3:46 "	11:25 "	
Lewis' at 4:00 "	11:00 "	
Riley's at 4:15 "	10:55 "	
Tichenor's at 4:20 "	10:40 "	
Livermore at 4:45 "	10:25 "	
Island at 5:00 "	10:10 "	
Strout's at 5:15 "	9:55 "	
S. Carrollton at 5:10 "	9:30 "	
L. & S. W. Dep. at 5:55 "	9:15 "	

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Against
A. P. Baird's Heirs, Defendant } Equity
All persons having claims against the estate of Allison Porter Baird, deceased, are requested to produce the same, properly proven, to the undersigned Master Commissioner of the Ohio Circuit Court, at his office in Hartford, Kentucky, on or before the 1st of November, next, or they will be barred.

E. R. MURRELL, M. C. O. C. C.

Oct. 20th, 1875.

